

# The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women



invites you to join them for their  
**87th Annual Convention**  
**March 24-26, 2017**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**



**Hosted by the Ladies of the Columbia Deanery**

**The Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Diocese of Charleston,** will be the Celebrant at Friday evening's Mass during the Convention. The Holy Father appointed him the 13th Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina in January 2009, and he was officially ordained and installed as such on March 25, 2009 in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.



**Sheila Hopkins, National Council of Catholic Women President.** For nearly 40 years, Sheila has participated in the various rings of Council. After more than a decade as the Director of Social Concerns/Respect Life for the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sheila recently retired. In 2014, she was awarded the "People of Life" Award by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities for years of dedicated service to the Church and to upholding dignity of life. In 2016, she became the National Council of Catholic Women President.



**Judy Hehr** has been referred to as a 'Dynamic Messenger' and an 'open vessel to a miracle.' As a spiritual motivator and inspirational speaker, Judy's story of the power behind her emotional journey has been described as engaging, compelling, entertaining, knowledgeable, enlightening, heart breaking and always electric. Judy generously and selfishly shares her gift of making the connection between theology and reality in our daily lives. She is the host of weekly radio show, "Journey with Judy", featured on EWTN's "The Journey Home" and Marcus Grodi's "Deep in Scripture", Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS); Group Facilitator, and Inspirational Speaker, Graduate of the Ministry Formation Program Archdiocese of Milwaukee and 2012 Recipient of the Spirit of Saint Francis Award. Judy will light up your life!



**Michael Aquilano** was hired in 2013 to serve as the Director of the SC Catholic Conference and Finance Associate for the Diocese of Charleston. He has worked diligently to inform, educate and support the people of South Carolina. Previously he worked at the United Nations as an NGO representative for the Society of Catholic Social Scientists in the February 2011 Commission on the Status of Women where he worked alongside the Holy See and several ambassadors. In 2012, he worked with SC Citizens for Life as a legal intern where he focused on government compliance issues and the implementation of pro-life legislation. Michael was recently elected Chair of the Ave Maria School of Law Alumni Board of Directors. He has also been published in several law journals, and has appeared on Fox News and EWTN.



**Beverly Kennedy and Vicki Bourus, Family Justice Center.** As Co-Executive Directors of the Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties, Beverly Kennedy and Vicki Bourus' passion is to collaborate with community partners and agencies to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Human Trafficking goes hand in hand with their fight to end abuse to women, men and children. As South Carolina was recently dubbed 1st in the nation for domestic violence, the need for a collaborative comprehensive response to this problem is great. Find out what you can do to help end the vicious cycle!



**MISSIONARY TEAM** **Diocesan Missionary Team.** The vision for the Diocesan Missionary Team (DMT) is to reach young people "on the ground" in their parishes and Catholic schools. The DMT will evangelize young people by offering them an opportunity to not only hear about the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ, but to learn and understand the grace of the truth that will set them free. It is the vision of the DMT that once young people have experienced the transformational grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, they will hunger and thirst to go deeper in their own Catholic faith life.

*(See "Voice of Hope..." Convention Flyer for Hotel Information.)*